

THATCHER AND THATCHERISM

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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Thursday 19th January 2017

Room CG218, Chemistry Department, Durham University

(Please note that the conference is not held in the same location on both days.)

10.30 – 10.45	Registration and Welcome
10.45 – 12.15	Nations and Nationalism
10.45 – 11.05	Kit Kowol (Oxford) “Thatcherism’s Imperial Origins?”
11.05 – 11.25	David Stewart (UCLAN) “Scottish ‘Civil Society’ and Thatcherism: A Reappraisal”
11.25 – 11.45	Ben Bland (RHUL) “‘A Gigantic Confidence Trick’: Thatcherism and the Far Right”
12.15 – 13.15	Keynote Talk
	Dr Martin Farr (Newcastle) “Margaret Thatcher’s World”
13.15 – 14.00	Lunch (Location TBC)
14.00 – 15.30	Thatcherism in Theory and Practice
14.00 – 14.20	Conor McFall (QUB) “Gurus of Thatcherism: The Influence of Keith Joseph and the Centre for Policy Studies”
14.20 – 14.40	Edmund Neill (New College of the Humanities) “The Evolution of Thatcherism: Debates between Conservative Intellectuals in Britain in the 1970s”
14.40 – 15.00	Kevin Albertson (Manchester Met) & Paul Stepney (Tampere) “1979 and All That”
15.30 – 17.00	Thatcher’s International Relations
15.30 – 15.50	Azriel Bermant (Tel Aviv) “The Impact of the Cold War on Mrs Thatcher’s Middle East Policy”
15.50 – 16.10	Rachel Utlely (Leeds) “Questions of style and substance? Reinvestigating Margaret Thatcher’s relations with France, 1979-1983”
16.10 – 16.30	John Bagnall (Newcastle) “People She Could Work With: Thatcher, Personal Diplomacy and Europe through the Falklands Crisis, 1982-1990”
17.00	

Friday 20th January 2017

Room ED101, School of Education, Durham University

09.00 – 10.30

The 1970s (Chair:

09.00 – 09.20

Adrian Williamson QC (Cambridge) "Thatcher and the European Monetary System: Chronicle of a Death Foretold"

09.20 – 09.40

Emily Stacey (Oxford Brookes) "'I feel I have been accepted as a leader in the international sphere': Margaret Thatcher's North American Tour, September 1975"

09.40 – 10.00

Matthew Francis (Birmingham) "'A Surge of Graveyard Optimism': The Affect of the Winter of Discontent"

10.30 – 12.00

Government Policy and Social Reform

10.30 – 10.50

Aled Davies, James Freeman & Hugh Pemberton (Bristol) "'Everyman a capitalist?' or 'Free to Choose'? Exploring the Tensions within Thatcherite Individualism"

10.50 – 11.10

Steve Farrall (Sheffield) "What was the Legacy of Thatcherism for the Criminal Justice System in England and Wales?"

11.10 – 11.30

Takao Teriu (Warwick) "Re-evaluating the Thatcher Government's Film Policies and their Consequences"

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch (Location TBC)

13.00 – 13.45

Keynote Talk

Dr Madsen Pirie (ASI), "Seeing the World Through Neoliberal Eyes"

13.45 – 14.00

Break

14.00 – 15.30

Literature, Language and Theory

14.00 – 14.20

Sean Richardson (Nottingham Trent) "Writing: The Brixton Uprisings and the Literary Impact of Thatcherism"

14.20 – 14.40

Raluca Iliou (Brunel) "A String of Pearls a Thatcher Does Not Make: An Analysis of Theresa May's and Margaret Thatcher's Discursive Patterns"

14.40 – 15.00

Sebastian Averill (Loughborough) "'What we need today is a Thatcher of the left': Slavoj Žižek's Explanation of the Thatcher Phenomenon"

15.30 – 17.00

Thatcher's Personal Relations

15.30 – 15.50

Jess Prestidge (Durham) "'The best man in the cabinet': Margaret Thatcher and Gender Dynamics as Spectacle"

15.50 – 16.10

Scott Anthony (Nanyang Tech) "When Maggie Met Harry: The Rise of Asia, Narratives of British Decline and the Birth of 'Thatcherism'"

16.10 – 16.30

Helene von Bismarck (Independent) "Thatcherism on a European Scale? Margaret Thatcher, Jacques Delors and the Making of the Single European Act"

17.00

Close of Conference